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C. E. HEINKE, SUBMARINE ENGINEER, 79, Great Portland-street, London, begs to call the attention of Shipowners, Merchants, Captains, &c. &c. to the important Improvements made by him in the SUBMARINE HELMET, DRESS, and APPARATUS, which enables a Diver to remain any length of time under water for the Recovery of Property from Wrecks, Making and Repairing Foundations of Harbours and Bridges, and also for PEARL and SPONGE DIVING.

FOR SURAT.

THE new and fast sailing Screw Steamer TELEGRAPH, Captain J. SHEPHERD, will be despatched to Surat on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M.

For first-class Passage, apply to Messrs. MANOCKJEE LIMJEE & Co., bankers, Messrs. LIMJEE & Co., Crosbie Row.

For Deck Passage and Freight apply to the Manager at the Steamer's office, Bazar Gate Street.

Bombay, 16th April 1863.

FOR SURAT.

THE new and fast-sailing Screw Steamer TAPTEE, THOMAS ELLIS, Commander, recently arrived from England, has very superior accommodation for first-class Passengers, and will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY next, the 18th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Steamer's Office, next to Bazar Gate.

Bombay, 17th April 1863.

FOR SURAT.

THE new and well-known Steamer MOUNTSTUART ELPHINSTONE, TAYLOR, Commander, will start for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 11 A.M. positively.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Steamer's Office, next to Bazar Gate.

Bombay, 17th April 1863.

FOR SURAT.

THE well-known and fast sailing Steamer SIR J. R. CARNAC, T. VANWULLEN, Captain, will leave for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 20th instant at noon.

It is requested that Passengers will not go on board without shipping order from the Office.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Office, Bazar Gate Street, Fort.

For Sale.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.—A desirable Property at Bandora. Apply to JEHANGEER NOWROJEE H.M. Dockyard.

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2,000 lbs. Small Pica, second-hand but in good condition.
INK, Red and Green.
For Terms, &c., apply to the Manager of *Bombay Gazette*.

FOR SALE—A small high pressure STEAM ENGINE, of 7 Horse Power, with Boiler and Fittings complete, the Engine and Boiler is nearly new.

Apply to A. LAING, Gun and Pistol Maker, from Edinburgh in front of the Bombay Spinning Company's Cotton Mills Tardeo.

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Manufactured by Mr. F. Pogson, Dounton, near Simla.

FOR SALE.—PATENT ASPHALTIC ROOFING FELT. A light and permanent roofing, impervious to rain, and can be used either alone, or under Tiles, Metal, or other Roofing.

LYON BROTHERS & Co.

ADVERTISEMENT.—MESSRS. POCHAJEE FRAMJEE & Co. beg to intimate to their friends and Public, that they are prepared to supply the best Soda Water, Lemonade and Gingerade at very moderate prices. 2s, Apollo Street.

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PORTLAND CEMENT (*only a few casks left*), PAINT BRUSHES, GARDEN TOOLS, SHOT and POWDER FLASKS, RIFE FITTINGS.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the late Firm of W. H. WALKER & Co. are requested to settle their accounts as soon as possible, or they will necessarily be handed over to our solicitors for recovery.

BASSETT & Co.

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Major J. T. ANNESLEY, Treasurer.
Captain—TURNER, Secretary.

ROSSELET & Co., Watchmakers and Jewellers, have always on hand an assortment of fine Jewellery, Clocks, Watches, Eye and Opera Glasses, Musical Boxes, &c.

All orders for repairing articles carefully and promptly attended to.

ROSSELET & Co., would be grateful for a continuance of the extensive patronage and public favor they have hitherto received, and will do all in their power to merit it.

Notices.

NOTICE.—MR. CHARLES EDWARD MITCHELL is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

SILLAR & Co.

Bombay, 15th April 1863.

NOTICE.—A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY next, the 20th instant at noon, for the purpose of electing a Deputy Chairman in the place of WALTER CASSELS, Esquire, who has left Bombay for Europe: and for other business.

By order of the Committee,
H. BROOKE, Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce, 14th April 1863.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Goods per Ship "*Pudsey Dawson*" Captain BAKER, from China, are requested to send off Boats at once to the Ship and take delivery of their respective Goods as they come to hand; otherwise they will be landed at the expense and risk of the concerned, and the Captain will not be responsible after they have left the Ship's deck.

B. H. CAMA,
Agent for the *Pudsey Dawson*.

Bombay, 13th April 1863.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

F. BORSINI, CHRONOMETER, WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, AND JEWELLER, begs to inform his customers and the public generally, that he has now removed his Establishment to No. 38, Medows Street, Fort, next door to the shop of the late firm of Peat & Co., Saddlers, where he invites an inspection of a newly arrived assortment of Watches, Clocks, Musical Boxes, and Jewellery, made by the best London and Geneva makers.

N. B.—Chronometers repaired, cleaned, and accurately rated.

Watches of every description repaired and cleaned properly, so as to ensure time-keeping.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Bombay, 1st April 1863.

BRITISH HOTEL.

ADVERTISEMENT.—The Proprietors of the late "British Hotel" having closed their business, take this opportunity respectfully to offer their grateful acknowledgements to the Public and Gentry of Bombay, and Outstations, for the kind support and patronage bestowed upon them for the time they conducted their late Establishment, and at the same time to solicit the favor, that such of their supporters have bills still left unsettled with them will oblige them with an early remittance to enable them to finally close the accounts. PESTONJEE SORABJEE & Co.

British Hotel, Lane, Fort, 1st Dec. 1862.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.—The East Indian Railway Company having nearly completed the work for which their River Transport Flotilla was constructed, are prepared to accept Tenders for all or any portion of the same It consists of eight Steamers built and engined by the firm of Messrs. Robt. Stephenson & Co., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,—of which Seven Steamers, Hull and Machinery, purchased in India—and Iron Barges, built in England by Messrs. Robt. Stephenson & Co., and Messrs. Vernon & Co., and of a large number of River Sailing Boats built or purchased both in England and India.

Full particulars may be obtained of, and Tenders for the whole or any part, will be received up to the 1st May, 1863, by EDWARD PALMER, Esq., the Company's Agent at Calcutta, who is empowered to accept from time to time such tenders as may be considered satisfactory.

D. I. ROAD, Secretary.

Alderman's Walk, New Broad Street, E.C.,
London, 17th November, 1862.

NOTICE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday the 29th inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, a quantity of old unserviceable Naval Stores, consisting of Canvas, Awnings, Sails, Rope, Iron Tanks, Boats, Iron Scrap, Coal Dust, and other Miscellaneous Articles, returned from H. M.'s Vessels of War and Departments of the Dockyard.

Also, a quantity of good serviceable Slops, consisting of Assorted Seamen Clothing, a list of which may be seen at the Storekeeper's Office. Also, some Riga Spars, imported from England per ship *Eloisa*, and not adapted for the Indian Naval service, and a number of Spars, Booms, Masts, Yards, and Lower Rigging, &c., returned from the Vessels put out of Commission belonging to the Indian Navy, and which are no longer required by Government.

Terms of Sale.

A deposit of 25 per cent. for all lots above 10 Rupees is to be paid immediately the lots are knocked down, and the remainder is to be paid, and the articles cleared away on or before the seventh day after the sale, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the lots resold at the risk and loss of the first purchaser.

All lots of 10 Rupees and under are to be paid for as soon as the lots are knocked down to the purchaser.

J. MULLALY,
Officiating I. N. Storekeeper.

I. N. Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 9th April 1863.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Sealed Tenders will be received at the Indian Naval Storekeeper's Office, until the 20th day of July next, for the purchase of the following Vessels of Her Majesty's Indian Navy, viz :—

Receiving Ship *Ajdaha*,
Steamer *Semiramis*,
Steamer *Berenice*,

with Masts, Yards, Standing and Running Rigging, Anchors Chain Cables, &c. Also, 4 Pairs of Engines for Gun Boats 80 Horse power, each pair fitted with 3 Tubular Boilers, propeller shafts and other appertenances. These Engines are by Robert Napier, of Glasgow, and are of excellent finish.

The Receiving Ship *Ajdaha* is of 1,440 tons burthen, built in England in 1846, Copper and Iron fastened and Coppered and has been decked with Teak.

The Paddle Steamer *Berenice*, is of Teak, having been rebuilt in Bombay in 1840; burthen 664 tons, Coppered and Copper fastened. The Engines are by ROBERT NAPIER, of Glasgow, of 230 nominal Horse Power, Side Lever Principle, fitted with Tubular Boilers. This Vessel has stowage for 16 days' fuel, and a complete condensing apparatus for making fresh water.

The Paddle Steamer *Semiramis*, is of Teak, she was built in Bombay in 1842, and she was thoroughly repaired in 1861. burthen 664 tons, with Engines, Boilers, &c., complete Coppered and Copper fastened. The Engines are by GEORGE FORRESTER of Liverpool, of 300 nominal Horse Power, Side Lever Principle, fitted with Copper Boilers (weighing about 75 Tons more or less) she is fitted with a fresh water condensing apparatus, and has stowage for 20 days coal. The whole Machinery is in good working order.

A Deposit of 10% per cent. of the amount tendered is to be made with the Tender, and good security given by the Tenderer for the payment of the remaining amount, which must be paid within 20 days from the day the offer is accepted. Should the Deposit will be forfeited, and the Vessels and Engines resold at the risk and loss of the Tenderer.

A list of the Duplicate Machinery belonging to the above Vessels, may be seen and form be filled

Commercial.

BOMBAY DAILY BILL, SHARE, STOCK, AND FREIGHT LIST.

BOMBAY GAZETTE OFFICE,
Friday, 17th April 1863.

EXCHANGE.

On What Place.	Terms.	Rates.
London Banks	6 months' sight.....	2s. 07/16d.
Do. Credits	Do. do.	2s. 09/16d.
Do. Documents..	Do. do.	2s. 011/16d.
Calcutta	At sight.....	100
Madras	30 days' sight	29
China	60 Do. do.	228 per $100.

SHARES.

Names.	Paid up	Last Half-yearly Dividend.	Rates.
BANKS.	Rs.		[ex divd.
Agra Bank	500	5 pr. ct.	100 per cent pm.
Bombay Bank	1,000	4½ do.	133 prem.
Central Bank	250	2½ do.	17 prem.
Commercial Bank ...	500	4 do.	31 ex divid.
Chartered Bank of India, A. & China ...	200	2½ do.	29 premium.
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China ...	250	5 do.	93 premium.
Oriental Bank Corporation	250	8 do.	125 pr. ct. pm.
Madras Bank.....	1,000	4½ do.	192 premium.
Press Cos.			
Apollo Press Co... ...	11,000	1,800 per share	Rs. 23,000 p. sh.
Colaba Press Co.....	2,700	300 do.	Rs. 6,000 p. sh.
Hydraulic Press Co...	4,000	350 per share ...	Rs. 200 dis. nom.
Equestrian Land & Press Co.....	6,000	225 per share ...	Rs. 4,800 p. sh. pm
RAILWAY COS.			
G. I. P. Railway Co. Consolidated Stock.	218-3-0	pr. ct.	Rs. 4 disct.
Do. New £20 shares.	130.14.0	2½ do.	Rs. 8 disct.
Bombay Baroda & C. L. R. Co.....	1,000	2½ do.	Nominal.
SPINNING & WEAVING COS.			
Bombay Spinning & Weaving Co.	5,000	1,000 per share	500 dis.
Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,100	.....	Rs. 350 disct.
Manockji Petty Spinning & Weaving Co.	550	.....	Rs. 110 disct.
Oriental Spinning & Weaving Co.	2,500	450 Rs. p. share.	Rs. 325 prem.
Royal Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,500	.....	Rs. 400 disct.
Victoria Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	nominal.
Bombay United Spinning & Weaving Co.	4,500	.....	Ditto.
Jafar Alee Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited ...	125	.....	Ditto.
Somanjee Walia Spinning Co	5,000	.....	
Colaba Land Co.	10,000	Rs. 100	Rs. 25,000.
Throstle Mill Co. ...	4,000	.....	Rs. 500 disct.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per Cent. Transfer Loan.....		104
" Loan 1835 36	}	99
" Loan 1842-43		
" Loan 1854-55		
New Five per Cent. Loan.....		109
Five and a Half Per Cent. Loan.....		117½

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each.....	Rs.	10-4½
Bank of England Notes.....	"	10-3
Spanish Dollars	"	249
Carolus	"	290
Mexican Dollars.....	"	225
German Crowns	"	213
Five Franc Pieces.....	"	205
Bar Silver	"	106½ to 106¾
Gold Leaf	"	16-7

FREIGHTS.

To Liverpool (Cotton)...now be... £3 10s.	0d. to £4	0s. 0d.
" (Seed) £2 7s.	6d. to £2	10s. 0d.
To London (Cotton) ..... £3 5s.	Nominal.	
(Seed) ..... £3 0s.	0d.	
To China.....	No enquiry.	
To Clyde.....		
To Hull		
To Calcutta and back	Rs. 20 offered.	

(PRICES CURRENT (16th April 1863.)

COTTON at Colaba		Per candy.
Broach and Surat New (ready.).....	Rs.	470 to 475
New Dholleras, (ready)	"	459 to 459
New Bhownuggar, (ready.).....	"	4 9 to 461
New Oomrawtee	"	405 to 410
Old Compta.....	"	428 to 430
Old Dharwar Sawginned	"	532 to 535
New Hemee, and Noggur	"	415 to 417
New Vurrul	"	434 to 433
New Khandeish	"	405 to 410
New Poratchee	"	434 to 435
New Accote.....	"	420 to 425
New Mangalore	"	434 to 435
OPIUM—Malwa, Rs. 1,820 to 1,825.		
SEEDS—Linseed, Khandeish...at Rs.		6-12 to 6-13 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Guzerat ...		7-2 to 7-3
Gingelly mixed (Black " and White)		32 to 33
Niger.....		37 to 38
		27 to 28

OPIUM MEMORANDUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1863.

PASSES GRANTED.

YEARS.	Up to 27th Mar. 1863	From 28th Mar. to 4th April 1863.	Total.
AT INDORE.	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
For 1861-62.....	...	...	*26,150
" 1862-63.....	32,223	1,379	33,602
AT AHMEDABAD.			
For 1861-62.....	...	...	*42
" 1862-63.....	4,208	...	4,028

IMPORTED INTO BOMBAY.

YEARS.	Up to 7th Apr. 1863.	From 8th to 14th April 1863.	Lost on the Road.	Total Imported.
AT INDORE.	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
For 1861-62 ...	...	75	...	*26,142½
" 1862-63 ...	28,654½	1,419	½	30,113½
AT AHMEDABAD.				
For 1861-62...	...	...	...	*42
" 1862-63...	4,192½	...	½	4,192½

EXPORTED BY SEA.

YEARS.	Up to 7th Apr. 1863.	From 8th to 14th April 1863.	Total.
AT INDORE.	Chests.	Chests.	Chests.
For 1861-62.....	* 25,965	16	25,981
" 1862-63.....	23,594	1,511½	23,015½
AT AHMEDABAD.			
For 1861-62.....	29	5	34
" 1862-63.....	3,502	114½	3,616½

DETAIL OF EXPORTS FROM SIDE TO 14TH APRIL 1863.

	Chests.
Of the Season 1861-62	
Per Steamer *Ottawa*.....	21
Of the Season 1862-63.	
Per Steamer *Ottawa*	1,612
Purchased by Government.....	3
Per Steamer *John Bright*.....	11
Total...	1,647

N.B.—The Opium Season year commences from 1st October and ends with 30th September.

* During the whole Season. (Errors excepted)

R. L. JENKINS,
Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, P.D.
Bombay, Custom House, 15th April 1863.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE CORPORATION grant Drafts on London on demand, and at from one day to six months' sight, and Drafts on Scotland and Ireland on demand; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, the Continent of Europe, New York, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape of Good Hope.

The Current rates of Exchange are :—

On London at 6 months' sight	2s.	0d.	per Rupee.
" 4 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" 3 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" 2 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" 1 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" on demand			
On Scotland do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
On Ireland do.			
On Paris, at 3 days' sight	1s.	11d.	do.

Circular Notes payable throughout Europe. 1s. 11d. do.

No Drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Drafts are also granted on Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The Corporation purchase or collect Bills payable in Europe in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

DEPOSITS.

The Corporation receive Deposits on the following terms :—

Repayable on demand, in sums of Rs. 100 and upwards..... 2 per ct. per annum.

Do. in one sum, at 3 months' notice.....	3	"	
Do. do. 6 do.	4	"	
Do. do. 12 do.	5	"	

No interest allowed on Deposits under Rs. 1,000, nor on deposits over Rs. 50,000, *unless by special arrangement.*

REMITTANCE.

The Corporation undertake to remit money to Europe by each Overland Mail free of charge.

Parties are requested to make all Orders or Hoondies payable to "*The Oriental Bank Corporation or Order,*" and to state distinctly the name and address of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made. (*If to a Lady, her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

COMMISSION.

The rate of Commission charged by this Agency on the purchase or sale of Government Securities negotiable in Bombay, is ¼ per cent. on the amount invested or realized, and on the collection of Bills, one per cent. and Postage.

The Corporation take charge of Government Paper, Shares in the Bank of Bombay, and other local Stocks, free of all charges, and will draw Interests and Dividends on the same as they fall due, on the following terms :—

If to be remitted through the Corporation .....Without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ..... ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper out of safe custody ..... ¼ per cent.
Hours of business..... 10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturday ..... 10 to 1 do.

KURRACHEE SUB-AGENCY.

Messrs. Finlay and Co. will grant Drafts on the Corporation and negotiate Bills payable in London and Bombay.

Bombay, 2nd April 1863.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

Incorporated by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 20th July 1854.
PAID-UP CAPITAL—Francs 40,000,000 (£1,600,000.)
RESERVE FUND—Francs 8,350,000 (£334,000.)
Head Office—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
Agencies at Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, and Bourbon (Réunion).

London Bankers.
UNION BANK OF LONDON; MESSRS. C. J. HAMBRO AND SON.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

Offices—23, Rampart Row.

THIS Agency grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases or collects Bills on the abovementioned places; as also on the principal Towns of Continental Europe, on Madras, Pondicherry, Kurrachee, Ceylon, Mauritius, Singapore, Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne.

EXCHANGE.

Drafts granted as follows :—

On London 6 months' sight	2s. 0¼d.	per Rp.
3 Do. Do.	2s. 0d.	"
On Demand	1s. 11¾d.	"
On France 6 months' sight.....	frs. 2-56 cts.	"
3 Do. Do.	" 2-53	"
On Demand	" 2-50	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on Current Deposits when not less than Rs. 1000, nor exceeding Rs. 50,000, for fixed periods as may be specially arranged.

DISCOUNTS, LOANS, &c.

The Agency discounts approved Local Bills, grants Loans on Government Paper, Bullion, Bank Stock, and approved Shares and other Securities.

Any further information as to rates of business, &c. may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the undersigned, to whom all remittances should be made payable.

T. R. R. DAVISON, Acting Manager.

Bombay, 25th March 1863.

THE BANK OF HINDUSTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING, IN 10,000 SHARES OF £100 EACH.
Head Office—16, Cornhill, London.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Bankers.
LONDON.....The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool, (Limited,) 5, Lothbury.
LIVERPOOL .....The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool, (Limited.) "The Albany."
SCOTLAND.....The National Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND .....The National Bank.

The Bombay Branch has been opened for business in the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Bombay.

The Manager grants drafts at the following rates of Exchange :—

On London or Liverpool at 6 months' sight	2s.	0d.	per Rup.
" " " 4 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" " " 3 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" " " 2 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
" " " 1 do.	1s.	11¾d.	do.
On Scotland " " } On demand	1s.	11¾d.	do.
On Ireland..... }			

Drafts on *Scotland* and *Ireland* are issued payable *on presentment* only.

To prevent disappointment to persons at a distance who may purchase the Bank's Bills on Europe, the Manager will, whenever so desired, forward the first of exchange direct on being furnished with the address of the person to whom the Bill is to be sent. *In all instances where a Bill is required in favor of a lady, her Christian name must be given in full.*

The Bank is prepared to negociate drafts payable in London or Liverpool, and will also purchase or grant Bills payable in Calcutta.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on balance exceeding Rs. 500 and not more than 50,000, and 1 per cent. per annum on balances exceeding Rs. 300 and not more than Rs. 500.

Interest is not allowed on balances of more than Rs. 50,000 except by special arrangement.

DISCOUNTS, FIXED DEPOSITS,

Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per annum.

do. 9	do.	do.	5½ do. do.
do. 6	do.	do.	5 do. do.
do. 4	do.	do.	4½ do. do.
do. 3	do.	do.	4 do. do.

Notice of withdrawal may be given either when the money is deposited or at any future time, if the deposit be taken in the Bank's draft on Europe, the notice of withdrawal will *generally* be dispensed with.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off or of modifying the terms of Fixed Deposits, on giving one month's notice.

Deposits of Rs. 100 and not exceeding Rs. 50,000 are received by the Bank subject to 15 days' notice of withdrawal on either side, and interest allowed thereon at 2 per cent below the Bank of Bombay minimum rate of discount, rising or falling therewith, but in no case will a higher rate than 5 per cent. be allowed on Deposits of this class.

Government Paper and other Securities received for safe custody, and the interest remitted by the Bank's draft free of charge.

The Bank will procure enfacement of Government Paper on account of Constituents, and forward the same to the Head Office without charge.

It is particularly requested that all orders or Hoondees may be made payable to, and all communications addressed

"*The Manager, Bank of Hindustan, (Limited,) Bombay.*"

R. E. W. BAKER, Manager.

Rampart Row, 7th April 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and, not exceeding Rs. 50,000, repayable on demand, at 2 per cent per annum.

On Deposits for 3 months certain 3 per cent per annum.

Do.	"	6	"	5	"
Do.	"	12	"	6	"

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London, at 6 months sight	2s.	0¼d.	per Rupee.
Ditto at 4 ditto	2s.	0d.	do.
Ditto at 3 ditto	2s.	0d.	do.
Ditto at 2 ditto	1s.	11¾d.	do.
Ditto at 1 ditto	1s.	11¾d.	do.
Ditto on demand ditto	1s.	11¾d.	do.

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50 and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government and other Securities 5 per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, also without charge.

On Interest or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by Sale, ¼ per cent. commission charged, if the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged. On returning Securities out of safe custody ¼ per cent. Commission

Hours of business .....10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Saturdays.....10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

EDWIN HEYCOCK,
Bombay, 2nd April 1863. Manager.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank grants Drafts on London, and on Scotland and Ireland, also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, and the principal Towns of Europe, at the following current rates of Exchange :—

On London, at 6 months' sight	2s.		per Rupee.
" 4 do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
" 3 do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
" 2 do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
" 1 do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
On Scotland do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
On Ireland do.	1s.	11¾d.	"
Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe, Overland at 1 day's sight...	1s.	11d.	"

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50 and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

The Bank also purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Agra, Madras, Lahore, Kurrachee, Umritsur, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, and Sydney.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

1. On Floating, or Current Deposits, payable on demand of not less than Rs. 1,000 or more than Rs. 50,000, 2 per cent. per annum.

2. On fixed Deposits at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

3. On Fixed Deposits at 6 months' notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

4. On Fixed Deposits at 12 months' notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Fixed Deposits may generally be availed of for the Bank's Bills on London without notice.

Notice of withdrawal can be given at the time of depositing the money, or at any time thereafter.

Interest is credited to Deposit accounts half-yearly.

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement.

The Funds of all public bodies connected with the Services and of such other Societies as the Directors may consider eligible for the same privilege, will be received by the Bank at its highest rate of interest for the time being subject to modified conditions.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off all interest Deposits, and of modifying the terms thereof, on giving one month's notice.

Parties making remittances to the Bank should specify distinctly the Account or Accounts to which the same are to be credited. *Accuracy in this respect is particularly desirable.*

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realizes the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or other Securities out of safe custody, a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On the purchase or sale of Government Securities and Bank or other Stock, ¼ per cent.

To obviate disappointment to parties at a distance purchasing the Bank's Bills on England, which might reach them too late for despatch by first Mail, it is hereby notified that the Bank will, whenever so required, transmit the first of Ex-hange direct, on being furnished with the correct address of the party at Home to whom the remittance is to be sent.

All Orders or Hoondies shall be made payable to the Manager of the Agra & U. S. Bank, (Limited,) or order, and the letters enclosing them should state distinctly the name of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made (*if to a Lady her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

NOTICE.—The Bank will obtain registry of Promissory Notes of the several Loans of the Indian Government, and Enfacement for payment of the Interest in London.

Drafts for interest on such Government Promissory Notes, on the Treasuries of Calcutta and Madras, will be received for encashment at current rates of Exchange, or for realization in India, at the Head Office of the Bank in London, where constituents can also deposit their securities for safe custody.

Parties are requested to address "*The Manager of the Agra and United Service Bank, (Limited), Bombay*" and to make all orders or Hoondies payable to him.

A Branch of the Bank has been lately established at Sydney, New South Wales, (Mr. Alexander Campbell, Manager) for the transaction of business in all its Branches.

H. B. MACCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 9th April 1863.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.
Office—No. 20, Threadneedle St., London.
Paid-up Capital—£644,000.
London Bankers, { The Bank of England. / The City Bank.
Branches and Agencies
Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Rangoon.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank's Agency in Bombay grants Bills of Exchange on THE CITY BANK, London, at the following rates viz. :—

6 month's sight (not under £50) at	2s.	0d.	per Rupee.
4 Do. ..... at	1s.	11¾d.	"
3 Do. ..... at	1s.	11¾d.	"
2 Do. ..... at	1s.	11¾d.	"
1 Do.... ..... at	1s.	11¾d.	"
On demand ..... at	1s.	11¾d.	"

DEPOSITS.

Interest is allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance, and, and on Fixed Deposits, as follows :—

Repayable in one sum, at 3 months' notice,	3	per cent.	
Do.	6	do.	5 "
Do.	12	do.	6 "

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000 nor on Deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special arrangement.

REMITTANCE.

The Bank's Agency undertakes to realise Drafts or Hoondies on the Presidency without charge, for remittance to Europe in the Bank's Bills on the City Bank, London.

All Drafts, or Hoondies, forwarded for realisation, to be made payable to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, or order.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock and other Securities ¼ per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills.

On Interest or Dividends, or proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. if the amounts be paid in India, if remitted home by the Bank, no charge.

On delivering up of Securities, deposited for safe ustody, 2½ per cent.

Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.; Saturdays 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Directors have recently opened an Agency of the Bank of Rangoon for the transaction of general Banking and Exchange Business.

ANTHONY MORRISON,
April 2nd 1863. Agent.

Shipping.

BOMBAY.

ARRIVALS.

DATE.	SHIPS.	COMMANDERS.	FROM
Apr. 16	Tim Whiffler	Cotter	Liverpool 4 Dec.
	Neptune's Bride	Weatherhead	Aden 14 March.
	Bavelaw	Hughes	Liverpool 1 Dec.
	Indore (s)	Browne	Calicut 10 April.
	Mary Grant (s)	Wilson	Sheilds, 1 Oct.
	Victoria (s)	Nacoda	Surat 15 April.
	Taptee (s)	Ellis	Surat, 15 April.

INTELLIGENCE.

Per Ship *Bavelaw*, from Liverpool :—On the 2nd January last, in Lat. 25-41 S. ; Long. 27 W., spoke the ship *Alexandria*, from Stockholm, bound to Bombay, 45 days out.

Per Ship *Tim Whiffler*, from Liverpool.—On the 5th January last, spoke the ships *Shannon*, from Sunderland bound to Aden and Ship *Addington*, from London bound to Algoa Bay ; on the 18th in Lat 21-56 S. Long. 29-20 W. spoke he ship *C. B. Lord*, from London, bound to Calcutta ; on the 22nd in Lat. 25-3 S Long. 27-52 W. spoke the Ship *Lord O'Oakes*, from Bound bound to the Cape ; on the 24th, in Lat. 26-41 S. Lang. 26-25 W. spoke the ship *Sunbeam*, from Carlisle bound to Shanghai ; on the 2nd February in Lat. 36-10 S. Long. 8-30 W. spoke the ship *Electra*, from London bound to Nelson ; on the 20th in Lat. 3-36 S. Long. 48-30 E. spoke the Ship *Jessie Brown*, from Liverpool bound to Sydney.

DEPARTURE.

DATE.	SHIP.	COMMANDER.	TO
Apr. 16	Adriatic	Scott	Liverpool.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Ship *Bavelaw*, from Liverpool.—Mr. E. Whitby.

Per Steamer *Victoria* from Surat.—Mr. Garman, Mr. Purdee, and one hundred and sixty eight natives.

Per Steamer *Taptee* from Surat.—One hundred and thirty nine natives.

COMMENCED LOADING.

The Ship *Maria Soames*, for Colombo, began to load yesterday.

DAILY EXPORTS.

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL 1863.

For London.

Pride of the Ocean.—1,105 pieces E. Teeth, 72½ cwt., Mooljee Woomersy ; 65 cases Indigo, 15 maunds and 5 seers ; 3 packages Coffee 4½ cwt., Mungesh Pandoorung.

Hornet.—76 bales Wool, 228 cwt., Scoondersdas Mooljee ; 2 cases Blackwood Furnitures, Ewarts, Latham and Co.

Patterson.—243 bundles Gall, 121½ cwt., Muncherjee Sapoorjee and Co.

Prince Consort.—76 packages Dry Gingers, 96 cwt., Kessowdass Gocouldass ; 1 case Tea, 32 lbs., Lawrence and Co.

For Liverpool.

King of Algeria.—50 bales Cotton, 175 cwt., Hormusjee Jamsetjee Sons and Co.

Herald.—101 bales Cotton, 353½ cwt., Soonderdass Mooljee.

Algiers.—105 bales Cotton, 367½ cwt., Khatesy Sewjee.

Havelock.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Damjee Husraz and Co.

James Russell.—1,000 bundles Myrabolum, 500 cwt., Bhanjee Jewraz.

General Simpson.—500 bags Surnee Seed, 750 cwt., Hirjee Khimjee.

Lillies.—300 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Muncherjee Dadabhoy.

Concordia.—50 bales Cotton, 175 cwt., Nanjee Sudew.

Tiger.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Maneck Bhimjee.

King of Holy.—Loose Buffaloe Horns, 49 cwt. ; Loose Cow Horns, 75 cwt., Momud Natha.

Tudor.—100 bales Wool, 300 cwt., Hajeebhoy Dawood and Co.

Dunearin.—49 bales Cotton, 171½ cwt., Ludha Madhowjee.

Tungonopo.—105 bales Cotton, 367½ cwt., George S. King and Co. ; 150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., W. Nicol and Co.

Magnolia.—28 bales Manjeets, 91 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs., Ludha Sewjee ; 50 bales Wool, 150 cwt., Doongersy Toolsidass.

Wasp.—100 bales Wool, 300 cwt., Jeatha Sewjee ; 210 bales Cotton, 735 cwt., Culliandass Nesserwanjee and Co.

Melitus.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Gourdhun Pursotum ; 140 bales Cotton, 490 cwt., C. N. Cama and Co.

Ocean Empress.—105 bales Cotton, 367½ cwt., Mooljee Canjee ; 200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Odha Nanjee.

Frenchman.—150 bales Cotton, 525 cwt., Rustomjee Eduljee ; 160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Jewraz Balloo.

Almora.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Nanjee Sudew ; 225 bales Cotton, 787½ cwt., Souza Pinto and Co. ; 125 bales Wool, 375 cwt., Sapoorjee S. Narielwalls.

Coronet.—160 bales Cotton, 560 cwt., Rustomjee Eduljee ; 125 packages Hemp, 102 cwt., Soonderdass Mooljee ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Merwanjee Framjee.

General Neil.—1,000 bundles Bhoysaingseed, 500 cwt., Khimjee Visram and Co. ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Sapoorjee Byramjee ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Mooljee Cursonjee ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 Hirjee Mooljee and Co.

Anna Dorothea.—140 bags Surnee Seed, 210 cwt., Hirjee Jeatsy ; 180 bundles Hemp, 125 cwt., Thackersy Narrundass ; 200 bags Surnee Seed, 300 cwt., Asspall Mooljee.

For Havre.

Tyfon.—110 half bales Cotton 185 cwt., J. Siegfried and Co.

For Hongkong.

Steamer *John Bright.*—13½ chests M. Opium, 140 lbs. each, Dwarkadass Vusunjee.

For Singapore.

Prince of Wales.—1 package Vermillion, 2½ cwt., and 20 packages Surdine, Esmail Ahmud Moorey.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT BOMBAY.

FROM LONDON.

1557	Africana, Hatfield.	Dec. 9
1180	Belle Isle, Cole.—Stochr Praegar & Co.	Jan. 7
993	Camperdown Stodder.	
567	City of Glasgow, Carnaghard.	March 8
882	Cyclops, Cordtner.	
1954	Defiance, Galloway—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	March 3
531	Dovercourt, Heigho.	
831	Janet Cowan, McKirdy.	
756	Lord Raglan, Rybert.	
1087	Louisa, Sowcroft.	March 1
187	Maldon, Scals.—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	Feb. 4
497	Mary Sparks, Chase.	Nov. 29
724	Moravshire, Mathers—Blackwell & Co.	Dec. 24
1047	Mystery, Stap—Ewart Latham & Co.	Dec. 31
950	Octavia, Bristow.	Feb. 14
973	Rajah of Cochin.—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	Dec. 1
744	Sea Park, Stewart.	
799	Sir Ralph Abercrombie, Macdonald.	
492	Sirocco.—Burjorjee & Co.	Feb. 24
744	Thomas Hamilton, Menzies.	Feb. 25
1104	Veteran, Duncan—Bobert Frith & Co.	
1155	Zuleika, Glover.	Dec. 3

FROM LONDON VIA ADEN.

905	Southern Light.	Jan. 24

FROM LONDON VIA NATAL.

403	Pharamond, Phillips, (at Natal Jan. 9.)	Oct. 28

FROM IPONDON VIA NEW ZEALAND.

1354	Gertrude, Congdon—Coupland & Co.	Nov. 6

FROM LIVERPOOL.

1162	Africa, Bowie.	Dec. 9
1127	Albion, Thompson.	Dec. 15
1862	Ambrose, Daniel.	
1046	Americana, Potts—MacNee & Co.	Nov. 29
589	Bon Accord, Campbell.	Feb. 11
1246	British India—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	Jan. 5
814	Bloomer, Goodwin.	Feb. 11
1244	Camperdown, Houston—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	Dec. 4
668	Ceiuta, Hayes—Coupland & Co.	March 1
1119	Comet, Jennings—Coupland & Co.	Feb. 6
1081	Clifton Belle, Bustin—Coupland & Co.	Dec. 2
1147	Czar, Langwill, Rennie Scovell & Co.	Dec. 19
843	Dalkeith, Ficker—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	Dec. 14
1066	Douglas Castle, Steele—Ritchie Steuart & Co.	Jan. 7
743	Edith Byrne, Anderson.	Jan. 13
	Eliza Bencke, (put back dismasted.)	
1069	Eliza, Inckerson.	Dec. 7
1400	Empire of Peace—Robinson & Co.	Dec. 10
617	Euphrates, Gwyther—E. Bates & Co.	Jan. 3
229	Fidelitter, (s), Jones—E. Bates & Co.	
986	Fleur de Lis, Taylor Remington & Co.	Jan. 6
1194	Floating Light, Starkie—Stenhouse & Co.	Dec. 24
1069	Forgeshall, Robinson—J. P. Corsforth & Co.	Jan. 6
1263	Glee Maiden, Marshall.	Jan. 8
1165	Gatuna, Cumming.	Feb. 8
647	Grefve Berg, Snellman.	Feb. 18
819	Hurry Puddensey, Richardson—E. Bates & Co.	Feb. 13
1299	John Lyan, Kavanagh—Robinson & Co.	Dec. 27
1318	Lochnagar—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	Dec. 4
965	Margaret, Faulkner.	
1129	Marseilles, Clements—Coupland & Co.	Feb. 8
1243	Mary Stenhouse, Finlay—E. Bates & Co.	Feb. 22
988	Matheau, Mesnard, Lawrence & Co.	Jan. 7
1114	Nagasaki, Mackay—Coupland & Co.	Dec. 5
1917	Negociator, Hawkins—Coupland & Co.	Feb. 13
1001	Norah Greame, Bake—E. Bates & Co.	Feb. 9
1034	Old England, Bulman.	Feb. 23
1230	Powerful, Nixon.	Dec. 22
982	Princess Somawutty, Roy—H. Forman.	
1357	Salsette, Dawson.	
1033	Sam Mendel, Ellwood—Coupland & Co.	Dec. 18
847	Sea Queen, Lloyd.	Jan. 19
777	Shard, Curwen—Finlay, Clark & Co.	Jan. 7
1310	Sir Charles Napier, Bell—E. Bates & Co.	Dec. 2
1378	Sir John Macdeville, Knight—R. Steuart & Co.	Dec. 23
1128	Southern Belle, Dunn.	Dec. 13
1022	Thetis, Chapman—Rennie Scovell & Co.	Dec. 6
1178	Thomas Sedden, San.	
1178	Thomas Seddan.	
905	Zuleika, Riddell.	Dec. 13

FROM LIVERPOOL VIA ADEN.

830	Araminta, Bliss.	Dec. 21
1623	Agenoria, Johnson.	Nov. 21
1005	Beeston Castle, Carney—Rennie, Scovell & Co.	
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not to be the means of aggression on others." The Infantry force in this compact British Army of 150,000 men that takes periodical turns of duty in every corner of the world, makes 141 battalions, of which 40 are in Great Britain, 45 in the Colonies, and 56 in India.

General Peel who was Secretary at War under Lord Derby, a shrewd sensible gentleman and soldier, gives Sir George Lewis more trouble with his estimates, than any other member in the house who takes part in the discussions. The General was one of the most influential of the party that ultimately succeeded in effecting the Amalgamation scheme, and there are matters connected with the expenses of the British force in India, that he keeps constantly hammering at, as if he were desirous of getting the whole Indian force under the control of the House of Commons. Regarding the force in China, the General has a standing grievance as to how the native troops are paid there and the extra pay given to the British force serving with them. "Nothing," says the General, "can be more irregular with regard to those troops since they went out in 1858 when I was in office, they have not been provided for. I defy any one to show any account by which either the numbers or a detailed account of the expense can be ascertained, and what is still more extraordinary, the manner in which they have been paid." And then giving full vent to his indignation the General proceeds :—"I say that if any Government can employ the native army of India, which consists of 150,000 men, without any vote and without any account, except a gross sum, there is an end to any control whatever over military expenditure by Parliament. (Cheers.) These troops too are the most expensive which can by possibility be employed, because not only do they receive Indian pay and allowances, but their employment renders it necessary to give Indian pay and allowances to all the troops employed in the same service. This accounts for the discrepancy between the payments to officers of the army and the payments to officers in the navy. When the contrast was made the other night, I was quite astonished at the amazing advantages enjoyed by the service to which I belong. But if you refer to page 115, you will see that the major-general commanding in China receives just four times the amount of a major-general employed elsewhere, because he is receiving Indian pay and allowances, and that his aide-de-camp, who may be an ensign or lieutenant, is actually receiving more pay than a major-general commanding elsewhere. (Cheers.) It is the effect of employing these native troops in China. I do not mean to say that troops serving in China are not entitled to some extra allowance ; but when the native troops went there I was the person who granted Indian pay and allowances, and I felt it was perfectly impossible to pay the European troops less than the troops were receiving with whom they served. What I want to do is to prevent any one having the power to employ a force without its being voted by Parliament, and without its being provided by the Estimates. (Hear, hear.)"

The matter no doubt is exactly as General Peel states, for in the Parliamentary paper giving details of the estimates, the Major General Commanding in China is set down we as receiving the annual pay of £2,535-15-0, whereas the Major Generals Commanding at Ceylon, the Ionian Islands, Jamaica, and Mauritius, receive each £691-19-7, just a little over the fourth part of what the General in China receives. But why is all this to be set down invidiously to the employment of Indian native troops in China ? Have not the British troops employed in China in time of war always received Indian allowances? The extra pay does not come out of the English treasury ; it is paid by the Indian Government, and if British troops only were to be employed in China, it would be simply adding additional burdens on the English tax payer. It is difficult to see what General Peel is driving at in his objection to the employment of native troops in China. He expresses horror at the idea of any Government having the power to employ 150,000 men without tendering an account of the expenditure to Parliament. One wonders his indignation on such a subject should have been so long pent up, why did he never open up the subject when more than double the number were employed without any more account being rendered of the expenditure then, than there is now. Let the General be assured the expenditure is as well looked into as if the House of Commons had control while he should endeavour to rid himself of prejudices against native troops whose splendid services in China received the thanks of both houses of Parliament, and which to say the least are unseemly in a person who may again fill the high office of Secretary at War, and in that capacity find it to be his duty and his privilege to be called on to employ them.

THE General Order for giving effect to the Despatch of H. M.'s Secretary of State for India abolishing the Indian Navy has been prepared, and is ready for publication. The last day of this month, the 30th April 1863, will be the last day of H. M.'s Indian Navy. On that day, the Indian Navy Flag,—that has braved the battle and the breeze for so many years ; that has waved over as stout-hearted, loyal and gallant a Service as ever formed a companionship under a national banner ; that has never been disgraced nor dishonoured since it first floated over the Indian waters ; that has witnessed the achievement of many a glorious deed and of many a decisive conquest for old England, will be lowered for ever under a royal salute. This will be a solemn ceremony ; and one which the citizens of Bombay would doubtless wish to witness, and which arrangements should be made to enable them to witness. Let us honor the old Flag at the end of its career; it has honored this city, and contributed its part, to its present greatness.

The Dockyard will remain with its present establishment undiminished, until the important question, which has just been referred to the Imperial Goverment, shall be decided—whether it is to be maintained as a Government concern for Naval purposes, or handed over to private enterprise for purposes of commerce. Meanwhile, Commodore Young, now a pensioned officer of H. M.'s Indian Navy, will be the Superintendent of the Dockyard.

OUR readers are probably aware that the Covenanted Civil Service of India is henceforth to be clad in livery. Her Majesty's Secretary of State has sent out patterns of livery to India to be reported on by the authorities here. Such patterns have been for some time in the hands of the local Government. It is expected that the livery order will soon appear, and that our civilians will be saved the trouble of choosing the cut and colour of their clothes for evermore !

LETTERS ON THE COTTON TRADE OF INDIA BY A LIVERPOOL COTTON BROKER.

No. IV.

THE MODE OF CONDUCTING THE INTERNAL COTTON BUSINESS OF INDIA.

IN the former letters of this series attention was paid to the extent of cotton production in India and its probable increase, and it was intimated that in subsequent communications more exact details would be given about various points connected with the cotton trade of this country.

What is wanted by the commercial public in England is not so much *opinions or assertions* regarding the capabilities of India as definite information about the social state of the country and the usages of its trade. Were a lively picture of Indian customs and commerce before the mind of the British public, fewer utopian notions would prevail and fewer impracticable schemes be advocated. In furtherance of this object the writer desires to contribute such information as he possesses about the method in which the cotton trade of this country is conducted.

Let us for this end first glance at the social condition of the agricultural population of India. The tenure by which land is held in this country is totally different from what prevails in European countries: the absolute right of private ownership in the soil is scarcely known and from time immemorial it has been the custom of the native governments, to reserve that right to themselves. The occupiers of the land were only regarded and treated as tenants subject to such rent as the government thought fit to impose, and from this rent or land tax have been derived till recent times nearly all the public revenues.

As the British power supplanted the native governments the same principle was followed with some modifications in applying it. In Bengal under Lord Cornwallis a permanent right of the property was conferred on certain large occupiers of land subject to a fixed rental, and these now constitute a species of native gentry usually styled Zemindars, holding large estates, with an inferior class of ryots underneath them who cultivate the soil and also possess certain tenant rights secured to them by government. But through nearly all the rest of British India a different system prevails. No class of large landholders exists, but the soil is held direct from the government by the petty cultivators or ryots, who usually farm a little holding just sufficient for the subsistence of their family. This is the system that prevails through the cotton districts of the Bombay Presidency. Until recently the assessment was made annually on the farms of these ryots, but now it has been settled throughout most of the Bombay Presidency at a fixed rate for thirty years, and on so moderate a scale that in many districts owing to the great rise in prices the payment to government is not more than one-fifth or even one-tenth of the value of the produce. From this it is evident that the position of the ryots in the cotton districts is excellent so far as their occupancy of the land is concerned ; when their payment to government is £5 the value of their crops will often be £50, and their position resembles that of the small peasant proprietors in France more than that of mere tenant farmers.

The agricultural population of India is located in a manner totally different from what obtains in Europe, it is not spread over the face of the country in separate homesteads but all collected into villages. No detached dwellings are met with in the interior of the country at least so far as the writer's acquaintance extends, but in the well peopled districts there occurs at every few miles a collection of houses or mud huts in which the ryots of the surrounding district live and the rude trades of the community are carried on. In these villages a complex system of rights, usages and customs prevail, which are founded on religion and tradition and have been handed down unbroken from time immemorial. The various trades are pursued by separate castes, who in general are prohibited from intermarrying or mixing with each other, and the cultivation of the soil is usually confined to some of the lowest of these castes. No greater obstacle exists to the development of the resources of India than the inveterate prejudices of caste ; they hamper and check the demand and the efficient application of labour : but the entrance of christianity and European civilisation is gradually undermining these prejudices, not enough, however, to effect as yet any radical change in the industrial arrangements of the country.

The normal condition of the ryots until recent years has been one of wretched poverty : they possessed little or no capital and were hopelessly in debt, they were charged exorbitant rates of interest, often as much as 50 or 60 per cent, per annum and their surplus produce each year was barely sufficient to satisfy the claims of the money lender, leaving the principal of the debt an irremoveable burden which they scarcely attempted to throw off.

Moreover it is a religious tradition of the country that the most sacred duty of a son is to assume his deceased father's debts, and so faithfully is this obeyed that it is a rare thing to hear of the obligation being repudiated ; and so the system has gone on from generation to generation ; the ryots being little better than slaves to the money lenders and the latter the planter's creditors, precisely with that class as is commonly charged. So ignorant and improvident was the ryot, that if by a lucky windfall he did escape from debt, he would likely enough take the load on his shoulders again. The custom of the country is to waste immense sums on marriage feasts and other ceremonies, and it is not uncommon to hear of a ryot squandering two years income on a single festival and burdening himself through life to make one grand display. And instead of debt being looked on as a disgrace it used to be counted a source of honor ; the ryot regarded the amount he owed as the measure of the confidence reposed in him and to be in debt for one thousand rupees was a higher claim to the respect of the village than to owe a paltry hundred rupees.

Out of this state of things sprang a class of persons whose business was to lend money to the cultivators, and in each village one or more money lenders or small capitalists were settled, whose business was to make advances to the ryots when they sowed their crops in order to furnish them with seed and maintenance for their family till the crops were ripe. The produce of the farm was then either handed over to the money lender to dispose of and reimburse himself or sold by the ryot subject to the lien upon it.

But to apply the case more closely to the circumstances of the cotton trade. The money lender in each village was usually a petty dealer besides especially in the article of cotton, and under the old regime the produce of the surrounding district generally became his property long before the crops were ripe. The ways in which the petty cotton business of the interior was transacted were very various, each district or province having its hereditary customs. In some of them it was customary for the ryots to take advances at the time the cotton was sown and deliver their crops to the dealers when picked, and those again sold them nominally on the ryots account deducting their own charges. In other cases the dealer made a contract with the ryot at the planting season, to take over his cotton when picked at a fixed price paying him down a large advance at the time of purchase. Again it was customary for the ryots in many places to receive year by year whatever accommodation they required from the local dealers, with the understanding that they should be the purchasers of their cotton when ready at the current market price. It is needless to enumerate all the different ways in which the business between the ryots and petty dealers was conducted, but the practical result of it was this, that all over the cotton region the crops passed into the hands of those dealers about the planting season or soon after it, and it was a thing almost unknown in the country for a ryot to retain his crop till it was gathered and sell the cotton after it was picked.

But the petty village dealers were seldom rich enough to carry on this business without assistance from other quarters ; they could not afford to advance to the ryots the chief part of the value of their crops and then wait till they were sold six months after for reimbursement. They also were obliged in turn to make contracts with wealthier dealers in the large interior towns and receive part payment in advance. Suppose for instance that a village dealer became the owner of 100 bales of cotton by advancing £500 to the neighbouring cultivators, he would most likely make a contract to deliver that quantity to a wholesale dealer at a price somewhat above what he agreed to pay the ryots and receive from him as the case might be 25 or 50 or 75 per cent. of the amount cash down. But another link in the chain has to be added before we reach the terminus of the business. The large dealers in the interior again who made contracts for the produce of several villages could seldom afford to lie out of so much capital, but relieved themselves by reselling again to the wealthy native merchants of Bombay. From this arose another series of contracts, the large dealers of the interior contracted to deliver to Bombay merchants as much cotton as they expected to receive from the petty dealers, charging a price sufficient to leave them a fair profit and receiving an advance generally ranging from 25 to 50 per cent. of the value of the produce to be delivered. Those last contracts were usually made in the interval between the sowing and the picking season, and very frequently the large dealers up-country simply acted as agents for the native merchants in Bombay instead of selling to them on their own account.

By this curious system which is only a type of what prevails all over India, an intricate network of contracts enveloped the cotton trade, the produce of the petty cultivator was transferred from owner to owner till it finally rested in Bombay, and the capital that set the ryot in motion flowed through successive channels from the same fountain head. To make the case still more clear let us give an illustration. The ryot in Berar sells his cotton to the village dealer when he sows his field in July, he fixes the price say at 70 rupees the candy and receives 50 rupees cash down. The village dealer contracts to deliver this cotton to some larger trader in Oomrawattee, he makes the bargain in August at 75 rupees and gets 40 rupees cash down. The trader in Oomrawattee who has many such contracts on hand relieves himself as soon as he can by placing them in Bombay, he fixes with some rich native merchant then in September at 80 rupees and gets 30 rupees cash down. Each party in the series thus gets a profit and lies out of part of his capital till the delivery of the cotton and final settlement of the bargains. And it may further be added that the native merchants in Bombay have been in the habit of making large contracts with the English merchants or at least with the shippers to England, though in this latter case it is not the custom to give advances. When a native merchant of Bombay for instance has made contracts in Oomrawattee for several thousand candies in September, he engages most probably with hoffses in the foreign trade to deliver them so much cotton in February or March or whatever date he counts upon receiving it, at such a price as to reimburse him for his risk in advancing, pay the cost of transport and leave him a fair profit.

It should scarcely be necessary to add that the above is only given as a SPECIMEN of the complex way in which the machinery of the cotton trade has hitherto been moved in India. In scarcely one case probably is the operation precisely what is stated here ; each district has its own specialities, in some the steps in the process are more numerous in others less so, and besides that, the regular routine of the trade has been entirely overturned in the last two years, but the process here described represents sufficiently well to the European reader the system that prevailed in India till the present crisis in the trade, and which indeed still forms the groundwork of the internal business of the country.

SAMUEL SMITH.

Bombay, 27th March 1863.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(*By Electric Telegraph.*)

MADRAS, 14*th April* 6-2 P.M.

Steamer *Sydney* sailed for Negapatam.

MADRAS, 16*th April* 45 P.M.

Steamer *Mooltan* sailed for Suez.

NEWS-LETTER.

KATTYWAR AFFAIRS.

SINCE I last wrote to you, Mr. Editor, I regret to have to tell you that the Grand-mother of the Nawab of Joonaghur, on the mother's side, is dead, and that not only did the Nawab himself not attend the funeral, but his mother was also prevented from so doing, as well as having been prevented from going to see the old lady when she was sick. That the Nawab is to blame for this inattention to respect for his dead relation is doubtless true, but when one comes to consider that His Highness is under the influence of such people as he is, and is besides rather weak minded, a great deal of blame is removed, and in place thereof one pities him at the same time. I really do not think our own Government is acting at all right or justly either to the Nawab himself or his subjects in allowing him to have such evil disposed advisers as he has about him.

The Nautch girl whom these people have kept about His Highness for their own purposes passed through Rajkote lately with a party of fifty horsemen, a banner, and kettledrum on her way to Marwar, which is her country. She was accompanied as far as Rajkote by Sallee Hindee, —rather a respectable occupation for an adviser of a ruling prince to escort his cast off mistress about the country.

Lieutenant Hebbert has been again successful in apprehending four more Bahirwattias and I dare say that in time they will all be caught or their depredations put down. He leaves, I understand, shortly for Bombay on leave, as his respected father is about going home. Captain Leathes has left for Bombay, I understand, en route to England. I have not yet heard any one-named as his successor, but suppose one of the junior assistants will take up his work, and as I understand that the Gazzal Horse are to be broken up, it is just possible that one of the officers from it may come here as an acting assistant. A little new blood among the assistants would do no harm.

The Political Agent has, I hear, got a case of Jeytpoor before him, in which a great deal of bribery has taken place, and in which some of the names of the native officials appear as receivers of the bribes. The name of Nursey Pursaid, the Sheristadar of the first assistant has been left out from this charge, but I hope the Political Agent will sift the case well before he has done with it.

When in Rajkote the other day I remarked a small temple looking place in the Political Agent's compound near the Treasury and other officers, and as it looked new, I asked how it came to be there, and I was astonished to find that the late Political Agent had allowed it to be built. Surely, Sir, the agency compound is no place in which to allow idolatrous places of worship to be built. Should it so happen that such a place came within the limits of the ground when it was being taken in, I can understand its being allowed to remain, but I must confess I can not think that the British Government would ever approve of such a place being allowed to be built in the compound after it had been made over to them for the use of their Agency, and I trust that when it is known that this place has been allowed to be built since we have had the piece of ground allotted as the Agency compound, that Government will cause it to be removed, for it is, I think, a disgrace to us to allow it to remain and going far beyond the mark of respecting the religious feelings of the natives to have allowed it to be built.

I was just going to finish this when I received a letter in which I am told that the Political Agent has suspended the undermentioned native officials, viz. Bapoobhaie, Goolabraie, Beekoba, Wamunrao as well as a Duffadar of the Mohsul Horse by name Ebrahim charged with having received bribes in the Jeytpoor case to which I have already alluded. He has also, I hear, had brought to him the case of Jhusdun, and has promised the people that he will, when he has finished the Jeytpoor case, enquire into theirs, and the enquiry into it will lead to some very nasty exposures not only as regards the way in which bribes were taken by the native officials, but I doubt much if the officers who had the management of the case will shine for the amount of intelligence shown by them when they were enquiring into the case. Verily I think the Nagur community may well shake in their shoes, which they are now doing, for now that the people of the country see that a fair enquiry will be given to their cases, I fancy hundreds of cases will now be brought forward and seeing as they now must that Nagur influence has gone, the poor wretches will not fear so much to give evidence as they used to do in former cases, for now it will not be such certain ruination.—Yours,

Districts, 10th April 1863. FASSENACLOID.

L O C A L.

THE Annual Fair of the Matta Wagashwares will be held at Pareil this day. The Fair will last three nights.

THE local Banks and mercantile firms will be closed on Tuesday the 21st instant, on account of the opening of the Bhore Ghaut Incline. It is believed the Government Office's will also be closed, and the day will be observed as a general holiday in the town.

THE Mortuary Return of the Island for the week ending the 15th instant shows an increase of 49 in the number of deaths, beyond last week and 24 more than the average number during the last ten years. Deaths from fever are 28 more than last week and as many above the mean. Cholera shows 38 casualties against 13 only of the preceding week ; Measles too, are on the increase being 29 to 15 of last week, and twenty per cent above the mean.

The following is a classified table of the casualties :—

EUROPEANS.		PARSEE.	
Fever	1	Fever	2
Cholera	1	Cholera	1
Other diseases	4	Other diseases	11
INDO-EUROPEANS.		JEWS.	
Fever	1	Fever	1
Cholera	0	Cholera	1
Other diseases	2	Other diseases	0
HINDOOS.		NATIVE-CHRISTIANS.	
Fever	114	Fever	3
Cholera	21	Cholera	4
Other diseases	110	Other diseases	8
MUSSULMANS.		NEGRO-AFRICANS.	
Fever	58	Fever	2
Cholera	11	Cholera	0
Other diseases	36	Other diseases	3

SUMMARY OF CHIEF DISEASES.

	Last Week.	Aver. of past 10 years
Small-pox	51	37
Cholera	38	56
Measles	29	21
Fever	182	154
Nervous system	10	10
Vascular system	0	1
Respiratory system	16	24
Alimentary system	37	38
Cachexy	19	18
Accidents	7	3
Other diseases	6	9
Total...	395	371

WEATHER REPORT.

At 9 hours of the 16th April 1863.

BROACH.—Fine, wind N.E.

BULSAR.—Fair, northerly light.

CANNANORE.—Fair.

GOA.—Hot, partially clouded, light wind from South West.

KOLAPORE.—Fair, light wind N.E.

KURRACHEE.—Fair, wind S.W.

MADRAS.—Fine wind Easterly. Ther. 85. Bar. 30 decimal 06.

SURAT.—Fair.

ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATION TO THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

PURSUANT to a requisition addressed to the Sheriff, a numerously attended and influential meeting of the inhabitants of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon in the Town Hall, for the purpose of voting an address of Congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, together with a similar Address of Congratulation to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. HIS EXCELLENCY SIR BARTLE FRERE took the Chair. The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting :—

PROPOSED by the Honorable W. B. Tristram, seconded by the Hon'ble M. H. Scott,—"That the following be adopted as the Address of the Inhabitants of Bombay to Her Most Gracious Majesty."

"To,

"HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Bombay Presidency and devoted subjects of the British Crown, for ourselves and on behalf of our Fellow-subjects as well European as Native in this part of British India, humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty's Throne with our loyal and fervent congratulations on the Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Her Royal Highness the Princess Alexandra of Denmark

"We entreat your Majesty graciously to receive our assurance that as we in India yield not to the people of England in devotion to the Imperial Crown and in love and reverence to your Majesty's Royal Person, so have we no less been moved with joy and thankfulness by the event of His Royal Highness's Union to a Princess, whom report with one voice proclaims so fit a Consort for the Heir Apparent to the British Throne.

"We devoutly pray that this auspicious Wedlock graced as it is by every earthly good, the hallowed union of hearts, the approval of Your Majesty and the wisest Counsellors of the Realm as well as the benedictions of those many millions, who rejoice to obey Your Majesty's Rule in all quarters of the globe, may be blessed by Almighty God to the life long satisfaction of your Majesty's the unbroken happiness of the Royal Pair and the joyful content of your Majesty's loyal Subjects of all tongues and races in this age and for generations to come.—We, are, Madam, with the profoundest respect, Your Majesty's most devoted subjects and servants."

PROPOSED by the Hon'ble Jugonnathiee Sunkersett, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hebbert,—"That the following Address be adopted as the Address of the Inhabitants of Bombay to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales" :—

"To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, DUKE OF CORNWALL, &c. &c.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Bombay Presidency for ourselves and on behalf of our fellow-subjects, as well European as Native, in this part of British India, presume to offer to your Royal Highness our respectful and heartfelt congratulations on your late happy marriage.

"At the same time we humbly tender to your Royal Bride the Princess of Wales, our dutiful homage, and a fervent welcome to Her august station in the British Realms.

"We beg your Royal Highness graciously to receive our assurance that as we in India yield not to the people of England in devoted loyalty to the Imperial Crown and in affectionate reverence for your Royal Mother, our most Gracious Queen and Her Illustrious Family, so neither are we less moved with joy, and gratitude to God, by the event of your Royal Highness's Marriage, whereon have waited all Good Auspices, the vows of two nations and the sympathy of the world.

"We devoutly pray that Almighty God may be pleased of His infinite mercy to bless this Union to the happiness of your Royal Highnesses, the comfort of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the joyful content of the Millions who repose under the shadow of the British Empire, themselves and their posterity to ages yet unborn.

"We have the honor to be, with sentiments of the deepest respect, Your Royal Highness's most obedt., humble servants."

PROPOSED by the Reverend Mr. Fletcher, seconded by H.H. Meer Jaffer Ally Khan Bahadoor,—"That, to manifest our joy upon this happy occasion, subscription be raised for a display of Fireworks on the Esplanade, and suitable Festivities to be given to all the school children of the Island, and that for the purposes of carrying out this proposal, as well as the other objects of this Meeting, the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee with power to add to their number."

The Hon'ble Mr. Frere ; the Hon'ble Mr. Inverarity ; the Hon'ble Mr. Anderson ; the Hon'ble Mr. Lewis ; the Hon'ble Mr. Tristram ; the Hon'ble Mr. Rustomjee Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy ; the Hon'ble Mr. Jugonnath Sunkersett ; the Hon'ble Mr. Robertson ; the Hon'ble Mr. Scott ; the Hon'ble Mr. Premabhoy Hemabhoy ; Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Baronet ; the Rev. Mr. Fletcher ; Colonel W. F. Marriott ; the Rev. Dr. Wilson ; Commodore Frushard ; Colonel H. Barr ; M. R. Westropp, Esq. ; Rev. J. D. Gibson ; David Sassoon, Esq. ; Dr. Stovell ; H. H. Meer Jaffer Ally Khan Bahadoor ; E. I. Howard, Esq. ; Cowasjee Jehangeerjee, Esq. ; Dr. Dadabhoy Nusserwanjee Jehangeerjee, Esq. ; Dr. Birdwood ; Munguldass Nathoobhoy, Esq. ; G. Foggo, Esq. ; Ardaseer Hormusjee Wadia, Esq. ; D. J. Kennelly, Esq. ; Vurjeevandass Madowdass, Esq. ; Captain Barker ; Framjee Nusserwanjee, Esq. ; S. Compton, Esq. ; Cursetjee Furdoonjee, Esq. ; Rev. R. Galbraith ; Cursetjee Nusserwanjee Camajee, Esq. ; Rev. C. D. Du Port ; Pestonjee Hormusjee Camajee, Esq. ; Rev. C. Cooke ; Sorabjee Pestonjee Framjee, Esq. ; Dr. Bhawoo Dajee ; Culliandass Mohundass, Esq. ; Cursondass Madowdass, Esq. ; Elio David Sassoon, Esq. ; His Highness Aga Khan ; Braz Fernandes, Esq. ; Candass Narrondass, Esq. , Bhugwandass Purshotumdass, Esq. ; Dinshaw Maneckjee, Esq. ; G. W. Terry, Esq. ; Venayeckrow Wassoodewjee, Esq. ; Goculdass Teipall, Esq. ; Goculdass Leelathoor, Esq. ; Byramjee Jejeebhoy, Esq. ; Comlaput Gopall Chobey, Esq. ; Bulwuntrao Bhicajee Dhowly, Esq., and that Venayeckrow Jugonnathjee, Esq., be requested to act as *Secretary*.

PROPOSED by Colonel Barr, seconded by Munguldass Nathoobhoy, Esq.,—"That the best thanks of this meeting be tendered to His Excellency the Governor for his kindness in so ably presiding in this occasion."

PROPOSED by Vurjeevandass Madowdass, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, "That thanks are due to the Sheriff for having convened the meeting."

The Sheriff having returned thanks, the meeting dispersed.

A list of subscriptions was placed upon the table, and about Rs. 5,000 were subscribed on the spot.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—An inquest was held yesterday at the Old Jamlee Moholla Cross Street, to inquire into the circumstances of the death of a Hindoo female named Essee. It appeared from the evidence of Succaram Sowla the husband of the deceased, that they came to Bombay about a month and a half since, and had been living in the house that fell. On the night of Wednesday last the deceased and her husband went to bed at about twelve o'clock. Witness was awaken by the noise of the house falling. The deceased had disappeared. Witness caught hold of the terrace behind the house. Two other persons were injured. The deceased was taken out of the ruins dead at six o'clock morning of yesterday. Witness did not know that the house was in a ruinous state or else he should not have lived there.

Verdict.—"The deceased accidentally killed by portion of a house having fallen on her ; the same having been for some time in a delapidated state."

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Another inquest was held yesterday at the Morgue Ramatiepoora touching the deat of Sydoo Lingoo. From the evidence of Vithoo a gardener in the service of Lee Mawram, it appeared about three o'clock he saw the deceased stand on the wall of a well reaching his hands to a *popai* tree the branches of which hang over the well. Immediately after the witness heard a splash of something falling into the well-witness saw that the deceased was no longer on the well, and he therefore raised an alarm. The deceased's father-in-law ran out of the house which was close by. They both of them went to the well and saw the cloth of the deceased over the surface of the water. One Sukaram Luxamon took out the body from the well.

VERDICT.—"The deceased accidentally drowned in a well."

BOMBAY POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

FORT POLICE OFFICE.—16TH APRIL 1863.

(BEFORE N. W. OLIVER, ESQ.)

SELLING OPIUM WITHOUT A LICENSE.—Pokur Jayseeraz, was brought up, at the instance of E. L. Jenkins, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of Customs, charged with having about 65 tolahs of Malwa opium in his possession, and offering the same for sale without a license, thereby infringing the provisions of clauses 2 3 and 4 of section 10, of regulation 21 of 1827.

Atmaram Ragoba, an Inspector, opium department of the Custom house, stated that at about one o'clock on Wednesday, as he was sitting in the shop of a man who had gone out, in the Mambadavie road, the prisoner came up and asked him at what rate he sold opium. Prisoner then said he had some for sale, witness said he would give a rupee for three tolas, when prisoner showed the opium now produced. There is three quarters of a Surat seer in these two pieces. The prisoner was then to Mr. Jenkins who asked prisoner where he got it from, and he said from his master, and was selling it as he was in want of money.

Narayen Damajee, a custom house sepoy, stated that about two o'clock on Wednesday the Inspector delivered the prisoner to him at Mandavie, and had the opium in his possession. He had nothing to say as to how he came into possession of it.

The Magistrate remanded the prisoner for trial at the Petty Sessions, but intimated that he would accept bail for his appearance then.

SOLDIERS IN BOMBAY.—Patrick Lynch, who described himself as a soldier of the 89th Regiment, was charged with assaulting Mr. Charles J. Knight, the Water Inspector of Police.

The prisoner pleaded guilty.

Charles Jathes Knight deposed that he knew the prisoner who is a soldier. On Wednesday afternoon at half-past three, the prisoner was lying drunk in the road in Apollo Street. Witness tried to remove him and afterwards managed to raise him with the assistance of Mr. Tighe, but they could not get him into a buggy. The prisoner while the Constables were endeavouring to do him this service was most violent, kicking the witness and using most obscene language : They had him then put in a cart and conveyed to the police station where they had to put him in the stocks : Prisoner had torn the Constables trowsers which were worth a rupee and a half.

The Magistrate said that as he knew the defendant had but little money, he would not inflict the full penalty the offence merited. He would therefore sentence him to pay a fine of ten rupees, or in default be confined for six weeks.

The prisoner said he was under orders to proceed to England on Monday.

His Worship then ordered him to be taken to his Commanding Officer.

(BEFORE H. E. LEEKE, ESQ.)

THEFT OF SIX THOUSAND RUPEES.—Narron Geega, a Hindoo, aged 35, was charged with stealing six one thousand rupee notes, the property of Gohur Naggee.

Mr. Leathes appeared for the prosecution.

Gohur Naggee deposed,—I am a broker and Commission Agent and live in Barbhaya Street, outside the Fort. I know the prisoner ; he has been living at my house for the last seven months. He came to Bombay as an Agent for certain sowcars of Bhownuggur, he buys spices, ghee and other articles in Bombay for the residents of Bhownuggur. The articles are purchased in my name by the prisoner, and entered in my book, and then forwarded to Bhownuggur. Yesterday morning about half-past seven o'clock, I placed in a box in my shop, these six Government Currency Notes, marked A for one thousand rupees each. The notes were put into a bag and then put in the box. The prisoner was in my shop when I put the notes in the box. I locked the box and immediately left to go to Colaba, leaving the prisoner sitting in my shop. I returned to my shop at about twelve o'clock, noon ; immediately after I had returned to the shop a person with whom I have dealings came to me for six hundred rupees, I went to the box in which the money was kept and in which I had put the six notes in the morning, and on opening it, I found that the bag had been removed from that part of the box where I placed it. I took the bag in my hand and examined it, and I could not find the six notes which I put in it in the morning. I then examined every part of the box, but I could not find the notes. I asked all the inmates of the house if they had opened the box and they all said that they had not touched it. I looked for the prisoner but could not find him. I sent men to look for the prisoner and reported the robbery to the police. About two o'clock the same day, the police brought the prisoner to my house, and shortly afterwards took him away. This morning about eight o'clock I went to the Mazagon police office, and saw my notes there. I recognized and claimed the notes to be mine as my name was written on the back.

Bhasker Ramchunder deposed,—"I am a police havildar, No. 139, and do duty in the Chuckla. Yesterday about two o'clock in the afternoon, the prisoner was pointed out to me near the Jamma Mosque, by the prosecutor's servant, who informed me that the prisoner had stolen six notes for one thousand rupees each. The prisoner denied the charge, I apprehended him and then made enquiries regarding the robbery. About twelve o'clock the same night the prisoner said that he had deposited the notes with a woman named Cookabaie, and took me to her house near the Green market. He asked her for the notes and she gave him the six notes for one thousand rupees each which I now produce. The prosecutor's partner Luximedass Dharsee was with me the whole time and recognized the notes ; the next morning about seven o'clock, I took prisoner to the Mazagon police office. The prosecutor was there and recognized and claimed the six notes as his."

The further hearing of the case was adjourned until to-morrow (this day.)

MAZAGON POLICE OFFICE.—16TH APRIL.

(BEFORE F. L. BROWN, ESQ.)

A ROW ON THE DUNCAN ROAD.—James Mason, William McCann and William Butler, were placed at the bar charged with assaulting Mr. G. B. Wood, Constable, while in execution of his duty on Wednesday the fifteen instant.

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CAPE.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.—The mail steamer "Dane" will carry no startling intelligence with her this month. Of political news there is almost nothing. The parliamentary session is still some four months distant; and the Government have been resting quietly on their oars enjoying the holiday pleasures of the season; or if they have been at work at all, the plans and projects they have been meditating are held in strict secrecy and reserve. The legislators resident in Graham's Town have been speculating on the chances of getting the next session of Parliament held in the Eastern Province. The Governor has, constitutionally, a perfect right to summon it wherever he thinks fit and proper; but considering the serious inconvenience of meeting anywhere else than in the metropolis, there is very little likelihood of the prayers of our Eastern friends being responded to. Practically, Cape Town is the centre of the colony, and far more accessible to the great majority of the members than Graham's Town or any other place that has hitherto been mentioned. Besides which, it is quite out of the question to summon a parliament at a distance from the seat of Government, and from the information which is constantly and daily required during the session, and which can only be obtained from the heads of departments in the public offices at Cape Town. Another proof of the fact we have stated—that practically Cape Town is the most central point of the colony,—is furnished in the positive determination of the Home Government to appoint it the head quarters of the army and the residence of the Commander-in-Chief. This, at least, cannot be construed into an illustration of the grasping monopolising tendencies of the West. Cape Town has made no more efforts for attaining to the additional honour thus conferred on it than has Bloemfontein or Timbuctu. British Kaffraria, the Home authorities have written out to say, will not be annexed to the old colony without its own consent; but if it persists in holding out for independence, they say it must be prepared to pay for it by the maintenance of all its establishments from its own unaided resources. Under this pressure, it is said that the Kaffrarians are now by no means so resolute in their anti-annexation policy as they were last year. The Cape, however, is clearly not very anxious for the alliance proposed, and the Imperial authorities will probably find it more difficult to effect the proposed transference than they have calculated, unless they are prepared to arrange with the Colonial Government for bearing a fair share of the responsibilities likely to be incurred in the maintenance of peace along the Kaffrarian frontier. The question will be re-discussed in all its bearings in the ensuing session of Parliament. But passing from these matters of public policy, we propose in this summary to give a general review of the state of affairs and the prospects for the future, socially and commercially of the old colony itself.—*South African Advertiser & Mail, Jan.* 21.

WRECK OF THE "AKBAR."

THE COURT OF ENQUIRY.—Yesterday morning, an investigation took place into the circumstances connected with the loss of the above vessel on the evenin of the 12th instant. The court was composed of the Resident Magistrate, Captain Hill, and the Harbour Master, Captain Wilson.

Captain Alexander Hutton, the commander of the vessel, was the first witness examined. He said:—After rounding the light-house, in standing into Table Bay on the evening of the 12th instant, I shortened sail. The wind was blowing fresh from the south-east. We made a tack to the westward under double-reefed topsails, foresail, and jib. We then tacked to the eastward, and about half-past six stood over again for the other side of the bay. I then endeavoured to stay the ship; but she fell off with her head to the north-eastward. I then attempted to stay her with the foreand backing the main and mizen top sails, but finding she did not pay off, I threw everything aback. She continued to forge a head, and struck the ground, running right on to it. The wind was blowing strong at the time. Five minutes before she struck I had taken a cast of the lead, and found eleven fathoms of water. I immediately fired alarm guns and burned blue lights for assistance. Shortly afterwards two shore boats came and ran me two anchors; I took the hawsers on board and tried to heave her off, but could not succeed. The ship was then striking heavily and commenced making water. Immediately after the ship struck I sent my chief officer and four or five men on shore in a boat; and while they were absent, Captain Wilson, the Harbour Master, came on board. He remained there all night. On the following morning, seeing there was no chance of getting her off, we commenced discharging our cargo. Thirty coolies were sent from the shore to assist. At 7 o'clock there were seven feet of water in the hold, and she was striking heavily as the tide rose. I have been in Table Bay before. I calculate we were two miles or a mile and a half from the shore when I tried to put, the ship about. I have been at sea thirty years and this is the first mishap I ever had.

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4. I have perused with interest Dr. Anderson's letter in the *Supplement to the Calcutta Gazette* of 15th October 1862, (No. 54), in which he reports that four cases of intermittent fever have actually been cured by the use of an infusion of *Cinchona* leaves without any other medicine whatever. I desire that any reports from Dr. Anderson on the progress of experimental cultivation of *Cinchona* plants may be transmitted to me without delay, as well as any accounts of the Chemical Analysis of Cinchona leaves or bark which you may receive from the Chemical Examiner to your Government.

Extract from No. 21 *of the "Flora" of* 1862, *a German Periodical published at Ratisbon on the cultivation of Cinchona in Java.*

With reference to what was said last year in this paper, pp. 224 and 608, &c., I should not withhold from your readers the decision of the Minister of the Colonies in the second Chamber of the Dutch States General, in reference to this culture. A doubt had been expressed whether in the great spread of Cinchona cultivation a wrong method might not have been adopted, and the Minister replied:—

"The belief that the culture of the least valuable species of *Cinchona* would be useful and profitable is the reason that so many trees have been grown in Java of the kind first known as *C. Oratis*, then a *C. Lucumæfolia*, and now as *C. Pahudiana*. A tree of this species has been chemically analyzed by Professors G. F. Mulder and F. A. W. Miquel

THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ.

(*From our own Correspondent, Times, March* 16.)

ALEXANDRIA, *March* 4.

A TELEGRAM from Constantinople informs us that Ismail Pasha embarks to-morrow for Egypt. Increased activity in the preparations for his public reception at Alexandria are accordingly observable. Brilliant illuminations are in prospect, and they will not lose in effect through its being at present the fast month of Ramadan, the season, indeed, above all others, for jovial nights, though for somnolent days.

In the absence of Mustafa Pasha, now heir presumptive to the Viceroyalty, the reins of government have been placed in the hands of Halim Pasha, the next in the order of succession, and who is well known to participate warmly in the Viceroy's wise views upon the paramount value of everything that may tend to develope the immense agricultural resources of his country. Perfect order and tranquility have continued to prevail in Egypt, and the fortnight that has elapsed since the Viceroy's departure has indeed been altogether uneventful.

The works on the Suez Canal have undergone no interruption through the death of Said Pasha. The present Viceroy has not yet announced his final views upon the subject; but it is very generally believed that he has already arrived at the conclusion that the Government is bound by the engagements entered into towards the company by his predecessor. Both labour and money must accordingly continue to be supplied. About 20,000 men are at this moment either engaged upon the works or on their way to the isthmus, collected as heretofore, from all parts of Egypt. To each party, as it arrives, a certain portion of the excavations is allotted, calculated upon an average of 40 cubic metres for each man. The task is usually completed in about a month, when the men are allowed to return to their villages, generally carrying with them the trifling balance of their earnings that remains after paying the cost of the simple food upon which the Egyptian fellahs are content to live.

The efforts of the company are at present almost entirely directed to the completion of the canal, by which fresh water will be conveyed to Suez. It branches off, near Lake Timsah, from the small canal, previously dug by the company, and which, as your readers will remember, is a prolongation of the Wadi Toumilat Canal. The watercourse is about 25 feet in width, with a depth of about five feet. It is already completed as far as the Bitter Lakes, and the engineers of the company expect to reach Suez before the middle of the coming summer. Their next task will be the construction of a feeding canal, starting from Cairo, and running along the edge of the Desert, the execution of which though lately abandoned, has been finally decided upon. Without it, indeed, it would be impossible to maintain a sufficient level in the new canals, even while draining their neighbours, to the grievous injury of the cultivators dependent upon the latter for the irrigation of their lands.

Having just returned from a visit to the Isthmus. I am able to speak of the impressions created by personal observation, and I confess that it is the inspection of the new fresh-water canals which seemed to me calculated to inspire the most lively interest. The sight of a stream of fresh water, flowing through the still and death-like solitude of the Desert, of itself offers a most singular spectacle. A practical end can also more readily be assigned to this portion of the company's projects. To the inhabitants of Suez the acquisition of fresh water and of the attendant means of vegetation will be a boon of real value, and, although new accessions of arable land are hardly yet an object of necessity to Egypt, yet the canals afford the prospect that many productive spots along their banks may yet be redeemed from the surrounding wilderness.

Between the fresh-water canal and the *rigole*, or preliminary trench of the Maritime Canal, runs a small channel, about five feet wide and two to three feet in depth, which serves to supply the labourers with water, and which is lengthened as the work on either side progresses, being, however, always kept a short distance in advance. The cutting for the maritime *rigole*, through the ridge of the Serapeum, which, next to the Gisr, is the highest land on the course of the canal, I was informed, will for a short time remain in abeyance, while the fresh water canal is pressed forward. The cutting of El Gisr has been dug to a depth, at its highest levels, of about 70 feet, and it forms a channel containing a width of water of about 25 feet, with a depth of four to five feet. The trench is cut, as elsewhere in the desert, with its sides at an inclination of two feet for every one foot in depth. The ridge terminates towards the north in a plain covered with hillocks of light sand, which about four and a half miles further on sinks below the level of the sea, and is now covered with a shallow sheet of water, communicating with lake Menzaleh. It is along these four to five miles of the line that the canal appears to be exposed to the greatest danger from land-drifts. But it is maintained that the embankments which will be formed when the canal is excavated to its full width and depth will afford ample protection. As a further precaution, hedges of cane and brushwood are put up at various points across the plain. These, it is contended, will serve as barriers against the progress of the heavier particles of sand, which being raised by even the most violent storms at but a slight elevation, and moving at a low velocity, are brought to the ground on meeting with the least obstacle. The lighter particles, being lifted high into the air, are carried away over long distances, and on again falling to the ground are spread so lightly over the plain that it is contended they can do little or no practical effect.

The track of the canal along the greater part of its course through Lake Mensaleh is clearly marked by the embankments, of which the bases have been raised on either side at a distance of 60 metres across. Two small channels have been formed, one on either side, with a depth of water just sufficient to give passage to a small boat. The central portion of the canal is still unexcavated, and the mud which forms the bed of the lake frequently shows itself above the surface of the water. The embankments are made of this same mud, which was lifted by hand labour from the bed of the lake. Near Port Said the traces of the embankment become very slight, and in some places our boat seemed to cross the open lake. The work is to be continued by means of dredging machines. The mud is raised in almost a liquid state, and is poured into a species of caisson formed of two parallel lines of wooden piles driven into the bed of the lake. On rising above the level of the water the mud hardens into a solid mass. This portion of the work, as will be readily believed, has been attended with great difficulties and trouble, but the worst is believed by the engineers to be past.

As the canal approaches Port Said it is to attain the width of 90 metres, terminating in a basin or dock of 800 metres square. This basin is likewise to be deepened by means of dredging machines. As yet only 16 machines have been put together at Port Said and along the canal, but I was informed that the number will shortly be raised to 50, and that each is expected to excavate an average of little if at all less than 1,000 cubic metres a day."

The channel of communication with the sea will be 400 metres wide, and the entrance is to be protected by a double jetty. The western mole is to be prolonged to a distance of 3,400 metres, or somewhat more than two miles, where it will reach a depth of water of 10 metres or about 32 feet.

A small islet of stone has been formed at about half distance as a nucleus to the future pier, and to serve for the discharge of the boats that come to Port Said with stone and other materials and stores. The temporary railway which is shortly to be laid down, and is partially filled in with stone. The accumulation of sand that has been formed on the western side advances the beach to the extent of about 50 yards into the sea; but the engineers are disposed to attach but little importance to the matter. They argue that before the sand can reach the extremity of the mole it must fill up an angle formed by a basis extending to an almost unlimited length along the coast to the westward, and with an elevation of upwards of two miles. The stone required for the works at Port Said has hitherto been brought at an exceedingly heavy cost from the quarries of El Meks, near Alexandria. Future supplies are to be drawn from the hills of Gennefieh, near the Bitter Lakes and to be brought in flat-bottomed boats along the canal, at an estimate cost of 14f. the cubic metre.

At Suez, it will be remembered, the intention of constructing jetties has been abandoned, and it is proposed simply to deepen the channel that leads from the anchorage to the town, a distance of about four and a half miles, and which is practicable for small boats alone. The channel is formed on its western side by a large sandbank, partially uncovered at low tide. At its further extremity the Messageries Imperiales have commenced the foundations of the dry dock, in accordance with their contract with the Egyptian Government. The dock will be connected with the shore by an embankment 2½ miles in length, already in course of construction, over the sandbank, and which will be surmounted by a railway. It strikes one as a singular thing, considering the implicit confidence with which the success of the Canal Company appears throughout to have been regarded by the French public of all classes, that the number of the ships that should not have been resolved to await the completion of the improved channel, when the dry dock might be constructed close in shore on a far more convenient spot, and, of course, at a very much lighter cost.

To return, however, to Port Said. The site of the destined town is a narrow strip of land, which separates the sea from the lake, and, until lately, occasionally was flooded over by the sea. It is in process of being widened and raised beyond the reach of the waves.

A foundry and workshops, fitted up with every description of machinery, have been established at Port Said, and, together with the lighthouse at the foot of the pier, the storehouses, *chalets*, and other light dwellinghouses built for the *employés*, impart a town-like appearance to the spot. Nile water is brought across the lake in boats carrying iron tanks, but the place is before long to be supplied by means of iron pipes, which have already been brought to the 1st hmus. The water is to be raised by pumping machinery in the neighbourhood of Timseh to the summit of El Gisr, whence it will flow towards the north, following the embankment of the maritime canal.

I cannot terminate this slight sketch of the state of the works without referring to the courtesy and attention invariably shown to travellers in the Isthmus by the engineers and other *employés* of the company, and in my own person I am able to confirm to the very fullest extent the reports of my predecessors. I moreover invariably found the utmost readiness to supply me with whatever information I desired.

Strong doubts as to the prospects of a ship canal being completed on the scale, and according to the terms assigned to itself by the company, must I apprehend continue to prevail, and not less so in respect to the commercial prospects of the undertaking, should the work be brought to a conclusion, even were the end to be attained without exceeding the funds raised by the company. But I feel assured that neither professional men nor ordinary travellers will return from the Isthmus without admiring the perseverance and energy displayed by the gentlemen entrusted with a work of such magnitude, undertaken in the midst of a desert, where every resource had to be created.

GLASGOW AND ITS INDUSTRIES.

(*From the Examiner, March* 14.)

WE have long wished for a satisfactory account of the conditions which have exempted Glasgow, the chief seat of the cotton manufactory of Scotland, from the disastrous effects of the cotton dearth while they have fallen so heavily on Manchester the chief seat of the cotton manufacture of England. The desired explanations are before us now, in the ample yearly Report of the indefatigable and able Chamberlain of Glasgow, Dr. Strang, and we propose here to give an outline of some of its most interesting features.

The population of Glasgow, like that of Manchester, is about 450,000, and has been rather more than doubled in the last thirty years. The real cause of the exemption of Glasgow from the evils of the cotton dearth is the miscellaneous character of its industries. It is not like Manchester, confined to one great staple, with the subordinate arts ministering to it. The cotton manufacture is not, perhaps, now even the chief manufacture of Glasgow, since it has been giving way to the iron trade, in its many branches of mining, smelting, forging, and fabrication of every kind of manufacture from what may be called the raw material. In 1862 there were 120 furnaces in blast, which produced 1,080,000 tons of cast or pig-iron, the raw material of all iron and steel. There were exported of this material in the same year 565,000, while the rest was converted on the spot into malleable iron. Without reckoning the value added to the crude article by this last operation, the local value of pig-iron was moderately reckoned at 2,575,800*l*.

Out of the malleable iron, one of the greatest manufactures is the building of steam-ships and their machinery. In the seven years from 1856 to 1862, there have been constructed at the different ports of the Clyde 636 steamships, of 377,176 tons burden. At the end of December, 1862, the number of steam-vessels on the stocks was 86, of 82,212 tons burden.

When we consider that a large number of them were also furnished with marine engines and most expensive fittings, it may give some idea of the vast extent and importance of this industry, seeing that a great portion of its value is made up from the wages paid to mechanics and other operatives therein employed. And when we find that, at no previous period in the history of this handicraft, so many vessels on the stocks, or progressing to completion as at present; we feel assured that there is, in this employment and others connected with it, resources to alleviate, in some degree, the great distress in the cotton trade. We believe that, at no previous time were the Malleable Iron Work, the foundries, and the shipbuilding yards more generally well employed; and if it should be found that there is faith to be placed in the superior advantage and impregnable character of the iron-clad ship, it may be safely affirmed that the mechanics on the Clyde may look forward with confidence to even increased prosperity from this source of our national industry.

Among the chief manufactures may be reckoned the refining of sugar, for which Glasgow with its cheap fuel, cheap iron, and convenient navigable river afford peculiar facilities. Nineteen factories are engaged in this work, and in 1862 they refined 106,748 tons of raw sugar, the quantity having been nearly doubled in four years. But Glasgow has also the advantage over Manchester, and most other towns of the kingdom, in being a port of trade; and it may be said with truth that the spirit, enterprise, and skill of its citizens have made it this. In the beginning of the century the harbour had a depth of but five feet, and was accessible to small craft of forty and fifty tons only. It has been deepened to twenty-one feet, and is accessible to ships of 1,000 and 1,200 tons. In 1862 no fewer than ninety-six ships of from 700 to 1,000 tons did arrive in the harbour, with forty-eight above 1,000. In dredging and embanking the river, and in the construction of qnays and wharfs, extending the length of 4,376 yards, there have been expended very nearly 3,500,000*l*. The River Trust had an income of 111,493*l*., a sum to which it has advanced from the paltry one of 18,932*l*., its income thirty years ago.

Dr. Strang makes the following judicious reflections on the advantages of miscellaneous manufactures to a town:

From the fact that there is no city in Great Britain more cosmopolitan in its manufactures than Glasgow, it follows that our artizans are at no time subjected to the same misery as those belonging to towns and districts that are chiefly dependent on one peculiar industry. Had Glasgow been wholly dependent on the cotton manufacture, there is no doubt that our working population would have been in a position perhaps more deplorable even than those now are who are encircling the capital of the cotton kingdom of Lancashire; but as this is happily not the case, we are glad to know and to feel that the distress existing in this city and neighbourhood, deep though that may be on the part of the factory workers who have been thrown out of employment through the dearth of the raw material, and on other individuals who are immediately connected with that particular branch of manufacture, distress has in no way extended to the other great branches of our city industry. During the last twelve months, and at the present moment, almost all the leading industries which go to maintain and advance the power and prosperity of Glasgow,